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# \$27,803

Average cumulative debt incurred by a four-year undergraduate student

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# USG copes with budget cuts, possible student fee increase

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
SENIOR REPORTER

A University System of Georgia-wide budget cut increase from 6 percent to 8 percent will result in eliminating many positions that are currently frozen

according to GCSU President Dorothy Leland. An additional \$150 mandatory emergency fee may be added to the existing fee, totaling \$250 per student for Spring 2010 semester, according to Leland. The state Board of Re-

gents will meet Nov. 17 and 18 to decide whether imposing this temporary fee at the state level is necessary. The total budget cut from GCSU will rise to 20 percent, or \$700,000, over the past year by 2010.

HOPE Scholarship recipients would not be exempt from the fee and a needs-based exemption has not been established. "We can expect the same policies for this fee that are already intact (for other fees)," Leland said.

Both the state of Georgia and GCSU composed plans for 4, 6 and 8 percent cuts earlier this semester. Universities devised their plans to mesh with the state level's requirements. Furlough days were insti

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Drake Simons / Senior Photographer

The second annual production of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" was performed Oct. 30 in Russell Auditorium and drew a large crowd. From left, Magenta, played by senior theater major Dani Pratt, Frank-N-Furter, played by junior theater major Evan Fields, and Columbia, played by senior theater major Lisa Walraven, prepare to bring Rocky to life. See **page 9** for the whole story.

# District 4 race goes to Joiner

*GCSU alumnus wins 71.8 percent of votes*

BY KATELYN HEBERT  
SENIOR REPORTER

Phillip Joiner was elected to the Milledgeville City Council this past Tuesday, winning 71.8 percent of the vote in a three-way race for the District 4 seat. Joiner had 298 votes, while his opposition, John Alton and Ed "Dodo" Hollis garnered 83 and 34 votes respectively. Out of the 20,497 registered voters in Milledgeville, 5,560 ballots were cast Tuesday.

Joiner said he was pleased with the turnout by GCSU students. "We know that well over 200 students went to the polls," Joiner said. "It would be safe to say of the 415 voters in District 4 over half of (my votes) were college students."

Joiner also credited community involvement with helping him win. He is involved in a host of activities in the community, including working for radio station Z-97 and Amici's, and hosting many of the local shows such as Milledgeville Idol and Milledgeville's Got Talent.

Claire Cantrell, a junior sociology major and one of Joiner's campaign managers, was in charge of the candidate's college relations. The campaign staff held about three weeks of voter-registration drives in which 650 students registered to vote.

"Once voter registration was over in the beginning of October, we started advertising. We couldn't adver

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# Low lottery funds put HOPE at risk

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON  
STAFF REPORTER

Sophomore management major Ryan Brown is one of many students at GCSU and across the state of Georgia who has benefited from the HOPE Scholarship program. Naturally, he's concerned about recent reports that the program, funded by the Georgia Lottery, is beginning to dwindle. Despite its success, the lottery is struggling to keep up with demands for the scholarship program.

"It helps cover my expenses and it helps me out a lot. It worries me that it may be reduced or completely eliminated," Brown said. "I'm a huge proponent of HOPE. I think it helps students further themselves both intellectually and socially."

If current trends continue, students could

see their HOPE book fee funds decrease from \$300 to \$150 beginning in the fall of 2012. By 2013, the book fee subsidies could be completely eliminated, and by 2014, coverage of mandatory fees that range from \$100 to \$600 depending on the college could be reduced as well. GCSU students were paid \$16.1 million by the HOPE Scholarship for the 2008-09 academic year.

"The HOPE money from the lottery funds is kept in reserves, and if those funds in those reserves reach a certain amount and get too low, you get into the core of that money, and it will trigger some program cuts," Cathy Crowley, director of financial aid at GCSU, said. "So those book fee subsidies and mandatory fee coverage are going to be at risk."

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# Tattoo parlors across town experiencing erratic business

BY RICK HALKYARD  
STAFF WRITER

For those interested, Milledgeville has a healthy selection of body art and piercing shops to choose from.

Wayne Street Tattoo, Pair-O-Dice Tattoo and Bluz Tattooz, are three parlors in the city and they all lay within about three miles of the GCSU main campus. Wayne Street Tattoo is located in downtown at 1125 South Wayne St., so it has become a choice for some students.

"At first, the place seemed a little strange too me, but the guys working were funny and I actually ended up getting two tattoos there," GCSU junior Abbey Gibson said of the Wayne Street parlor.

Wayne Street Tattoo displays numerous templates of popular tattoos and a selection of piercings line felted shelves at the front



Russell Huffman / Staff Photographer

"Here, there are no licensing requirements. But we should be regulated," owner and founder of Bluz Tattooz in Milledgeville, Blue Owens, said.

desk as professional body piercer Carl Kimberly stands behind ready to serve customers.

"In this town, all you need to make a business legal is a business license," Kimberly said of the requirements for owning a tattoo and piercing estab-

lishment in Milledgeville. Located at 1692 North Columbia St., Bluz Tattooz, about to celebrate its 10-year anniversary, is another top choice for tattoos.

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# Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Before coming to college, students at GNIC in 1915 were required to make or purchase the six uniforms shown in this photograph. The uniform rules were strictly enforced and students were expected to dress accordingly for physical culture classes, cooking classes, and on Sundays. Seniors were required to wear the cap and gown on the far left throughout the year to church, public occasions and receptions.

## This month in Colonnade history:

On Nov. 7, 1934, the superintendent of the Atlanta public schools, Willis A. Sutton spoke an address to the students and faculty on the upcoming changes in education. He spoke mostly in how teachers must adjust to its students but also a point was made that the students must enrich their own education experiences as well.  
Nov. 12, 1934  
Vol. 10, Issue 5

Jessie's Only Man: The students of Georgia State College for Women were affectionately referred to as "Jessies." But being an all-girls' school, some girls tired of the single-sex atmosphere, which made it all the more interesting when a boy took classes on the campus. Homer Duke, a boy described as "tall, blonde, good-looking and friendly," joined the GSCW campus for a quarter, while he waited to go to his school of choice in Bowling Green, Kentucky.  
November 6, 1947  
Vol. 22, Issue 4

On Nov. 10, 1953, the library received an antique copper pitcher from Egypt in memory of Ina Dillard Russell, for whom the library is named after. The Faculty Memorial Fund also presented an album of RCA Victor recordings of "Macbeth" in her honor. Ina Dillard Russell was the wife of Richard B. Russell, a state Supreme Court justice and mother of Richard B. Russell, Jr., a U.S. Senator. Ina Dillard Russell and her husband resided in the Governor's Mansion when Richard Russell, Jr. became governor in 1931. The GSCW library was named after her in 1932.  
November 10, 1953  
Vol. 31, Issue 4

Students respond both positively and negatively to Nixon winning the presidential election.  
Vol. 44 No. 3  
Nov. 12, 1968

Issues of The Colonnade from 1925 to 1975 are now available to be viewed on microfilm in the library.

# Congressman Barrow hosts financial literacy program

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
SENIOR REPORTER

Building student-loan debt alongside escalating credit-card use during college can cause many students to start their financial futures off on the wrong foot. U.S. Rep. John Barrow, D-Ga., held a forum on financial literacy this past Monday at West Campus to inform GCSU students and community members about available opportunities for staying financially responsible in Baldwin County. "The average consumer has about eight credit cards and owes a balance on unsecured debts alone — that's lines of credit — more than they owe on the balance of two family-sized cars," said Mary

Ussery, director of education for Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Middle Georgia. Ussary warned students to read the fine print when they apply for credit cards and not fall for the "teaser rate" gimmick, a note in the fine print that the little-to-no interest clause is only for the first few months of spending on the card. Lacking from the speeches was information for soon-to-be graduates who are thinking about the next stage of their lives, financially. "I'm graduating in May and I need more info on the big stuff, like a house and a car," said Patty Maguire, an English and political science major. Barrow compiled a general guide to staying out of debt to hand out at the

forum. The basic guide is also located on Barrow's Web site, [www.careprogram.us/how-care-helps](http://www.careprogram.us/how-care-helps). While the guide skims over smart budgeting and creditcard usage, students may be most interested in the section on how to most effectively handle student loans. The guide offers tips such as work-study programs, calculating a budget and sticking to it, and starting to pay interest on any loans while still in school to help save money while still a registered student. Many of the bullet points covered in the speech were useful for incoming college students. Taking advanced placement classes in high school, moving to a

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# Construction continues at the Village at West Campus

BY RICH HALKYARD  
STAFF WRITER

The whirring and buzzing of saws and machines reverberated across the Village at West Campus as residence hall construction continued in late October. Construction began during the summer and was intended to be complete before the official move-in day. Originally, the crews were only intent on repairing the stairwells of the 100, 200 and 300 buildings on West Campus. But upon further inspection, a need arose for repairs on the outside of the buildings. Rust was found underneath the stucco work and needed to be removed immediately.

"The work that is going on now is not being thrown by the school. The stairwell repair was the only construction that was funded by the university," a Village office staff member said last week. As of last week, the work on the rust spots was nearly complete on the Building 300 and it appeared that construction would continue on to Building 200. The estimated time of completion was unknown. The feelings of nearby residents ap-



RUSSELL HUFFMAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The continuing construction at the Village at West Campus has become a concern to some residents.

peared mixed last week. "It's slightly annoying and I really don't understand what's going on over there or why it has to be done in the first place," Kaitlyn Dietz, a Building 600 resident assistant, said. The Bridge Scholars students moved into Building 600 this summer, a couple

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Fast maintenance turnaround | The fastest high-speed, wireless Internet in Milledgeville | Free laundry | Convenience store | Fully furnished apartments with new mattresses | Convenient shuttle service | Car wash | Large pool | Spacious game room | Exercise equipment in every building | Fitness room with cardio and strengthening equipment | West Campus Center



Milledgeville | Fully furnished apartments with new mattresses | Large pool | Spacious game room | Free laundry | Exercise equipment in every building | Fitness room with cardio and strengthening equipment | Convenience store | West Campus Center featuring Sandella's Prime access to intramural games | Free tutoring | Events and programs | PawFlix | Fast maintenance turnaround | World of Wings | Computer labs | Convenient shuttle service | Car wash | The fastest high-speed, wireless Internet in Milledgeville | Fully furnished apartments with new mattresses | Large pool | Spacious game room | Free laundry | Exercise equipment in every building | Fitness room with cardio and strengthening equipment



# Several birth-control options on the market

BY SABRINA CHANDLER  
STAFF WRITER

A 17-year-old girl suddenly collapsed and died this year from a pulmonary embolism. This is just one in a number of cases of pulmonary embolisms in the last five years in people under the age of 60. Pulmonary embolism is normally a condition found in the elderly. What could be the cause of this condition in these young girls? According to some, it's birth control pills.

The conditions were narrowed down to two birth control pills that many of the girls were taking—Yaz and Yasmin.

With the possible side effects ranging from high blood pressure to death, women must be proactive in researching birth control options and alert doctors to any changes in health that may be related to their medications.

In the last four years, 50 deaths related to Yaz and Yasmin have been reported, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Shortly after the deaths were brought to the attention of the government, the Food and Drug Administration issued a warning letter to Bayer, the German company that produces the two pills.

The letter emphasized that one of the company's recent commercials ignored side effects, such as heart attack stroke and even sudden death. The commercial was pulled off the air after the letter was sent and Bayer released a new commercial, correcting its wrongs in the previous

**FORMS OF BIRTH-CONTROL MEDICATION INCLUDE:**

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- A BIRTH-CONTROL SHOT
- SPERMICIDAL CREAMS
- IUDs (INTRAUTERINE DEVICE)

GRAPHIC BY AMANDA BODDY

one.

Bayer's annual report showed a \$616 million in revenue for Yaz and Yasmin in 2008, making them the most popular pills on the market.

That \$616 million dollars in sales may add up to a lot of women who are at risk.

Lauren Henderson, a sophomore at GCSU, was one of these women. Henderson took Yaz for a year and noticed some painful side effects.

"I was having trouble breathing," Henderson said. "Then I started to feel sharp, shooting pains in my chest, and that's when I went to the doctor."

"After going through that pain, I did my research," Henderson explained. "I talked to my doctor, thumbed

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# 67 percent of GCSU population in favor of smoke-free campus

BY COLIN CONROY  
STAFF WRITER

The results of an on-line survey regarding the no-smoking proposal are finally in. With an estimated majority of 67 percent, GCSU students surveyed appear to be in favor of the newly proposed policy. But what does this mean? And when, if ever, will it come into effect?

Greg Brown, the associate director of Auxiliary Services at GCSU, has played a large role in the awareness and organization of the proposal.

"Last year we were going to vote on the matter, but we did not have enough data," Brown said. "We had asked students

what they would say if a survey was brought forth, but never actually did so."

This year they did, marking one of the few times that students were able to voice their opinions through their myCATS account. Those taking the survey were given two choices: To keep the smoking policy as it or to implement a new one in which smoking is allowed only in select areas, including mainly parking lots and other, small locations around campus.

The polling lasted from Aug. 29 until Oct. 29.

"I completed the survey when it was available," Daniel Horseman, a sophomore Outdoor Education major, said. "It was very

convenient. Now I just hope that the students voted the way I did."

Many students did vote in agreement with Horseman, but it will take more time to decide exactly what may happen regarding the proposal in the future. The same smoking proposal that has lasted from around this time last year needs at least one more week, as the Resources, Planning, and Institutional Policy Committee must endorse it before turning it over to the University Senate.

Kayla McCollam, vice president of the Student Government Association and one of only two student representatives in the

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## Junior Journalists

Submitted by Georgia College Early College Students

Last week, the president and other members of Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education toured the Georgia College Early College program. The Partnership made six stops over three days during the their tour. Below are the experiences of 10th graders in the program.



KRISHINDRA JOHNSON

"The tour was great. What was most important to me, though, was to ask how the tourist felt about Early College rather than the students answering all the questions. One thing I remember was the advice of one tourist. She said to stay focused on my school work! I really appreciate that advice."

"I enjoyed the visitors that we had, because not only did they learn things about us, but we also learned things about them too. The visitors showed lots of excitement as we wondered through each class and they showed plenty of appreciation also. It was lots of fun I liked Harry Potter."



ONEISHA LEE



TIMBERLY SPIKES

"These guests weren't afraid to speak about our future goals. It wasn't just about how Early College is changing our lives now, but how it will affect me in the future. One lady in my tour group didn't know the difference between Early College and other schools. She was amazed when I told her the difference."

"Two thoughts about the bus tour at Early College (are): Majority of the people were intelligent, I think they enjoyed their visit, because the students dressed nice and lead the visitors to a nice lunch and classroom visit."



JALON TRAWICK



SHAMBRIA BROWN

"The bus tour was fun, we got to walk the adults around and show them our experiences in the classroom. We also ate with them and got to know them."



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# Press secretary joins SGA

BY WESLEY BUCHANAN  
STAFF WRITER

Two resolutions, one on campus ethos and the second streamlining the procedure for requesting money from the Student Activity Budget Committee, were approved this past Wednesday by the Student Government Association during its weekly meeting in the Magnolia Ballroom.

The first resolution passed during the meeting pertained to campus ethos and was proposed by Sen. Paul Danaj. The task force resulting from the resolution will explore current campus traditions and how those traditions can be further solidified.

“We have to know what we have before we can build on it,” Danaj said.

Danaj seeks to get other organizations on board such as the Department of Campus Life, the Campus Activities Board, the Resident Student Association as well as many others on campus. After discussion and questioning, the resolution passed by an 18-2-1 vote by the student senators.

The second resolution passed during the meeting was proposed by President Pro Tempore Marcus Green and dealt with the acquisition of funds from the Student Activity Budget Committee.

The resolution pushes for an easier more con-

cise way to request funds from the SABC, whether it is for a one-time use or an annual occurrence. The second resolution passed by a 20-0-1 vote.

A newly added position of SGA press secretary was filled Nov. 2, and Jamie Knox was presented to the Senate at Wednesday’s meeting.

The new position is being implemented for more transparency on issues discussed by SGA. The press secretary’s job is “to manage and maintain media relations with on and off campus media outlets.”

Knox was awarded the position after rigorous interviewing with some ex-

ecutive members in SGA as well as other senators.

A couple of other topics were addressed at the meeting including homecoming and campus improvements. The homecoming theme has been finalized for this year’s festivities and the band, chosen by students via myCATS, is now going to be contacted.

Also, Sen. Evan Karanovich said he has been longing to see some campus improvements done and finally saw some of his requests granted in the past week.

“Great progress was made in just the last week on campus in getting trashcans put around campus,” Karanovich said.

## HOPE

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Georgia lawmakers plan to discuss ways to amend the program to make it more effective in the next year and hope to have changes by 2011 or 2012.

In 1993, the Georgia Lottery was created to support HOPE as well as pre-kindergarten programs. Any Georgia student that attends college within the state and maintains a 3.0 grade-point average is eligible for the scholarship. The 3.0 requirement was added by legislators in 2004 due to fears that the program’s resources and funds would drain. The program covers students through their first 127 credit hours, something Brown says is scholastically limiting.

“It hurts because some majors require 130 hours, and then you have to take into account those who are double majoring. That’s something I would like to see changed.”

The key issue now is the number of students getting the scholarship

and grants, and the program’s costs, significantly outweigh the number of lottery ticket sales. With the current economic climate, out-of-work adults are switching careers and seeking training at technical colleges. While those enrollments are stabilizing, enrollment at two and four-year colleges is expected to continue to increase, which will likely further raise the demand for HOPE funds.

“It’s going to be a tough time if things stay as they are,” Crowley said. “Hopefully, things can be stabilized a little bit and some changes we can be made. HOPE is a wonderful program.”

Brown stressed that the program is very beneficial.

“It enables students to achieve a

higher education at little or no cost to them or their families, whereas if they didn’t have that opportunity, those same students might just consider a community college or no college at all,” he said. “It’s aimed at furthering education for young adults and it’s hard to find anything wrong with attempting to make people smarter.”

### HOPE Scholarship statistics

■ Over **\$8.8 billion** has been transferred to the Georgia Lottery for Education Account

■ Over **1 million** students have received the HOPE Scholarship

■ Over **\$1.8 billion** has gone toward improving Georgia’s school facilities and technology

*Source: georgia.gov*

GRAPHIC BY KATELYN HEBERT

## Construction

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of months before the fall semester began. Upon their move-in day the construction was entering its conception and few residents occupying the building over the summer said they knew the reasons for the work.

“I didn’t really know what they were doing over there. I just thought the construction was for improving the appearance of the buildings,” Bridge Scholar Freshmen Elisa Bremer said.

To many living at West Campus, the construction has been a bitter-sweet process. Village administration acknowledged that work simply needed to be

done. However, even though the timeframe of construction effort rather vague, some residents expect a more expeditive pace in the repairs.

“We need it to be done, yes. The downside of it all is that it’s just taking way too long,” Daniel Yarborough, a 400 Building resident, said.

Yarborough, a C.A., is one of the staff members that can monitor the gradual process of construction from the Village office. He, along with other student staff members who have been at West Campus since two weeks before move-in day are wondering when the work will be completed. Even parents who toured the Village during the 2009 Fall Fest weekend uttered small complaints concerning the blotches covering the stucco on the 300 Building.

minimum \$50. The hourly charge for Bluz Tattooz is \$100 while Wayne Street Tattoo charges \$150 an hour.

When walking into a tattoo parlor with the intention of getting a piercing or tattoo, another area to consider besides cost is what to get.

“Well, you see for a while it was the million-dollar rose, then you had the tribal. But, now I guess the most popular tattoo is names. Names of loved ones, pets and family,” Owens said.

Those at both parlors agreed that regardless of the circumstances, business can often be erratic.

“Ah man, I have no idea how many get or give a week. It really does vary from month to month,” Owens said. “But right now, since the economy is down and taxes are up, business is a little bit slower.”

## Tattoo

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“It’s a county-to-county, city-to-city thing. Here, there are no licensing requirements. But we should be regulated,” owner and founder Blue Owens said.

The two establishments are distinctly different on the interior, but many of the policies they have are quite similar. When it comes to serving intoxicated patrons, both parlors said they had a strong reluctance to do so, especially if the customer is underage.

For some students at GCSU, the cost of service is what’s most important. Wayne Street Tattoo and Bluz Tattooz have almost identical rates as far as charges go. Both parlors have a shop

## Smoking

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otherwise faculty filled University Senate, does not disagree with the proposal.

“I think it is a fair compromise,” McCollam said. “Before President Dorothy Leland can sign it off it must go through two more organizations, but I do think the proposal itself gets smokers away from those who are bothered

by them while still understanding that we are adults and can choose to smoke if we wish, even if only in designated areas.”

Georgia Military College, also located in Milledgeville, is already smoke-free.

# SGA discusses possible Greek community

BY MARCIE HUNTER  
STAFF WRITER

According to some within the Student Government Association, GCSU aspires to build a Greek community on West Campus in the future in hopes of further enhancing student affairs and increasing Greek involvement.

“The university is interested in moving forward and has communicated with University System staff and with people who have been involved in the planning of similar facilities on other campuses,” Dr. Bruce Harshbarger, vice president of Student Affairs and dean of students, said.

While GCSU and several of its Greek organizations have shown an interest in the project, plans are still in the initial phasees and nothing has been confirmed, Harshbarger said.

“(A Greek village will) add a sense of community, ... provide campus ethos and GCSU pride,” SGA President Zach Mullins said.

However, city ordinances may be restricting just that.

An ordinance passed in 2008 limits the number of residents in a single-family zoned home in the downtown area to no more than three unrelated people, affecting both Greeks and non-Greeks alike.

The proposed location off the Hwy. 441 bypass is thought to be ideal not only for its space, but also for the facilities it offers.

“The proximity of that space to the Intramural Complex, its visibility from the bypass, the nearby access to utilities and the availability of overflow housing at The Village were all contributing factors in choosing that site,” Harshbarger said.

Sophomore and former Village resident Jamie Cowan said the installation of a Greek neighborhood would be beneficial to West Campus. After feeling “alienated” from the rest of campus her freshman year, Cowan thinks the addition would attract more students to the less populated area.

Keilah Johnson, a current Village resident, agrees with Cowan. She thinks the addition would be a “good change,” but it might not necessarily be for every Village resident.

“The Village is a lot quieter and there are a lot less people out and about. ... Adding the Greek row may change that atmosphere,” Johnson, a sophomore mass communication major, said.

Some factors for planners to consider include noise and traffic.

Other University System schools have designated Greek communities.

The University of Georgia offers its Greek-affiliated students 43 nationally-recognized houses to live in around campus.

Raleigh Nyenhuis, a sophomore at UGA, is cur-

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## Career Opportunities Fair

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## Birth control

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through the side effects and chose a different pill. I didn't want to hurt like that again."

With all the risky side effects, women are finding themselves asking the question "which pill is right for me?"

According to Web MD's Web site, birth control pills have different doses of various hormones. These hormones have different effects on different women.

"Hormonal birth control pills can be taken safely by most women, but is not recommended for women who are over the age of 35 and smoke," said a Web MD spokesperson on the health organization's Web site. "If you don't smoke, you can

use (the pills) until menopause. In addition, you should not take (the birth control pills) if you have had blood clots, serious heart or liver disease, or cancer of the breast or uterus."

Seasonique is another birth control pill that is gaining popularity. Many women are asking if this pill is safe. It comes in a three-month-pack of active pills, causing you to have only four periods a year.

According to Web MD's Web site, it is safe and it lists Seasonique as an effective brand of birth control pill.

After researching possible side effects, women should also consider their finances. Insurance coverage varies from complete coverage to none.

A 28-pill pack of Yaz usually runs at about \$50 with no insurance cover-

age. Seasonique is usually around \$125 for a three-month supply.

GCSU doesn't offer any special discounts or ways of receiving cheap oral contraceptives.

Kara Massey, a sophomore at GCSU, gets her birth-control through the Baldwin County Health Department.

"I pay \$10 for a generic brand," Massey said. "It's just as effective, and costs much less."

Oral contraceptives do not protect against sexually transmitted diseases, such as herpes. Most medical professionals recommend using a condom during sexual activity even while on birth control medication. Other forms of birth-control medication include a birth-control patch, a birth-control shot, IUDs, spermicidal creams, as well as others.

## Greek

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rently living in the Alpha Chi Omega house with around 60 of her "sisters."

"Having the ability to live in the house, you have a lot more to offer as a sister," Nyenhuis said. "It makes you have a huge appreciation and respect for the sorority."

One of the main attractions in formal recruitment for most students is the opportunity to live in the houses, Nyenhuis said.

"Driving down Milledge Avenue and seeing all the houses is exciting and makes you want to get involved."

The Greek Life system at the University of West Georgia opened its Greek Village this past August. The village houses 18 sororities and fraternities and features a community center equipped with meeting rooms, a kitchen area and study spaces.

"(The idea to build a Greek community) had been in the making for a long time," Julie Cowan, University of West Georgia's Panhellenic president and Jamie Cowan's older sister, said.

The school was donated land by Carroll County Development and construction began a year ago.

Julie Cowan said the Greek organizations have already noticed an increase in the number of students interested in "going Greek."

Those involved in Greek Life think the construction of the village at GCSU would also interest more students in becoming a part of the Greek system. It could also lead to the establishment of additional fraternities and sororities at GCSU.

The enhancement of Greek Life also has the potential to draw more prospective students to GCSU.

SGA is in the process of completing the short-term goal to allow the current Greek houses around campus display their letters outside. Mullins hopes this step will "promote Greek representation."

Any suggestions or ideas regarding the construction of a Greek row can be submitted through the SGA comment box on the myCATS portal under the student tab. Feedback can be given to any student involved in SGA as it continues discussing the possibility of a Greek row.



MATT ROGERS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
This gray-striped cat plays in the small trees near the Fountain on campus. Many people have noticed and stopped to pet this cat which has found residence on campus. The Colonnade staff has taken it upon itself to name the cat Thunder after our school's very own mascot.

## Joiner

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tise on campus, but we could advertise around the community with yard signs, posters and events. We ordered about 150 T-shirts and put most of them on kids on campus," Cantrell said. "(Joiner) came and spoke to different RSOs and fraternities and sororities and that was really our main way to get the message out (to the campus)."

According to Cantrell, one of Joiner's main concerns was college and community relations. His campaign staff was comprised of almost entirely college students.

"One of his first priorities was the college students and making sure everybody knows how important the college is," Cantrell said. "I think that he was sort of a breath of fresh air because he was the first candidate who came to us and said 'I want to work with you.'"

Joiner will take office beginning in January. He said there are a number of issues the council will have to tackle, including hiring a new city manager.

"I'm going to — with all the candidates — specifically look for a city manager who understands the relevancy of college students and the university as an institution and how it relates to Milledgeville," Joiner said. "I want our city manager to fully grasp and understand the needs of the college."

Another issue Joiner considers a top priority is parking on the GCSU campus.

"One (issue) is the seeming lack of available parking for merchants and for customers," Joiner said. "We have a few potential solutions that I am going to really push."

Another key issue Joiner addressed



CHRISTINA SPILKER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
From left, Sydney McRee, Joel Graham, Megan Moss, Phillip Joiner, Claire Cantrell, Evan Karanovich and Zach Mullins celebrate Philip Joiner's district 4 win at Amici this past Tuesday night.

during his campaign was recycling.

"(Another) thing I want to do right off the bat is figure out how those people who live in the city — particularly those who live in homes — about how to solve our recycling issue right now," Joiner said. "Our city residents are at a big disadvantage. Right now they are being forced to pay money to recycle and that shouldn't happen, so to build a new recycling center."

Joiner also wants to create a sort of liaison committee of students, faculty and local residents, and business owners to create a stronger relationship between the college and community.

"I just wanted to tell the college students specifically how much I appreciate their support. I really want the students to continue to be involved," Joiner said. "We need more students to stay here, and the way to get students — such as myself, my brother and a number of other people who graduated and decided to stay here and make a difference here — the way to do that is to have a better relationship between the city and the students."

There were three others elected to the City Council during Tuesday's election: Collinda Lee (District 1), Denese Shinholster (District 3) and Richard Mullins Jr. (District 5). Shinholster and Mullins were both incumbents to the council.

## Barrow

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state a year before attending college there to meet the criteria for in-state tuition and living with family when possible will help save money.

Century Bank's Nancy Buchanan offered a budget list for students who

are either just starting college, or who are now finding that their finances are in trouble.

"It's the same budget that I gave my kids when I they went off to school," Buchanan said.

Representatives from the GCSU Financial Aid Office, MidSouth Federal Credit Union, Edward Jones and Consumer

Credit Counseling Services of Middle Georgia came to the meeting to give their spiel on how their particular institution could help solve individual financial problems.

"We have basically, for decades now, lived in a society where we want it all now, but we want to pay for it at a later date," Ussary said.

## Budget cuts

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tuted at the state level earlier this year, requiring all of the university system to impose them.

"Furlough days are temporary," Leland said. "So next year we'll have to find a different way to cut the budget."

The move to an 8 percent cut, however, will not increase the amount of furlough days this fiscal year.

Along with cutting non-instructional frozen positions, the school's pre-existing 8 percent budget cut plan includes dipping into excess tuition revenue.

The university budget is created conser-

vatively to account for unseen expenses. Delving into this portion of the budget will not directly impact any department, but it leaves less of a cushion for the university to fall back on, should anything unexpected occur.

All of the frozen positions being discontinued should not affect students' class time directly.

"We want to do everything not to harm instruction," Leland said.

A sharp rise in applications for federal financial aid has signified students and families are going through rough times, according to Leland.

"We'll have to figure out some new creative ways to do what we do best here (at GCSU)," Leland said.



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## Our Voice

### Trip to Texas for convention was beneficial

This past week from Oct. 29-Nov. 1, select members of The Colonnade traveled to Austin, Texas, to attend the College Media Adviser and Associated Collegiate Press National Convention in attempts to further educate the staff about the field of journalism.

We felt that the trip was highly beneficial because it allowed the members of the staff that went to broaden their knowledge and creativity. By having multiple sessions to choose from nearly every hour, beginning at 8 a.m. and often running to at least 4:30 p.m., the convention allowed staff members to learn vital information from seminars ranging from investigative journalism to 100 great story ideas. These sessions gave students the advantage of learning about a specific component of journalism in a fun, relaxed environment while simultaneously allowing staff members to interact and learn from college journalists nationwide.

The Texas trip was also extremely valuable to those who attended because it gave The Colonnade newspaper staff the chance to receive advice from another school's media adviser and have our paper critiqued. An experienced professor sat down with our staff and carefully went over virtually every aspect of The Colonnade with us. He showed us how to better our newspaper's layout and design and showed us how each section of the paper could be improved. We feel that this extremely informative critique session will help us advance the development of The Colonnade in all aspects and aid us in producing an overall better paper.

The trip also put us in a hotel just several miles from the University of Texas at Austin and gave Colonnade staff members the chance to explore downtown Austin firsthand.

As a staff, we feel that the Austin trip and similar trips are essential if we wish to further expand our journalism knowledge and continue progressing as an informative campus news outlet.

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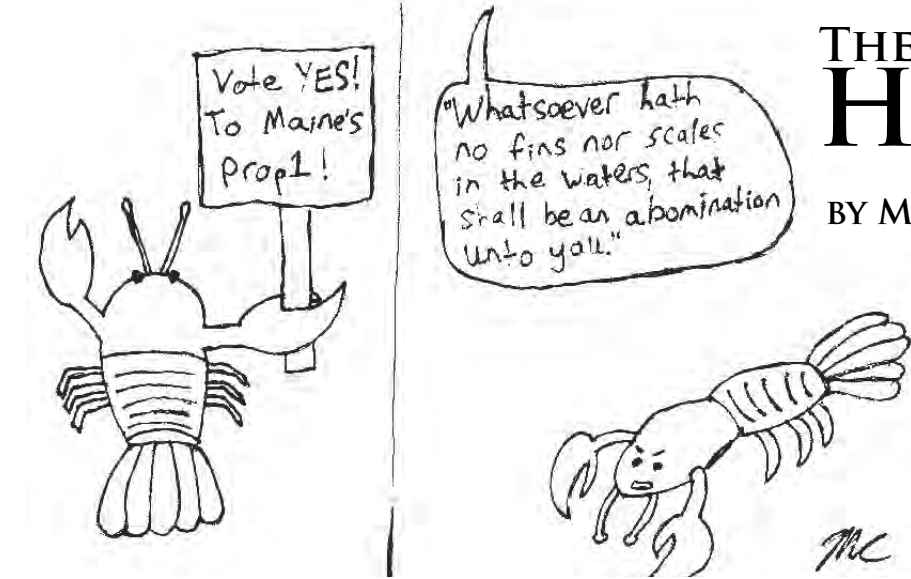
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## Answers lie between the thighs

Dear Mr. President (whom I have multiple photos of on my mantle),

The economy is worse than myCATS and the government is failing. I have a solution to end both unemployment and unhappiness — legalize prostitution.

Jobs are far and few between, but the jobless have one untapped income source — their bodies. Sir, lay your policies aside and let people lay down. America can fix itself; look at the gangsters taken off the street every year by their own kind.

Why won't the government legalize prostitution? The same reason the man — and manly women in suits — refuses to legalize pot and gay marriage: They can't tax it. Senators won't support something they can't suck dry; although I'm sure they could suck something off gay marriage. Sorry if that seemed like a turn on Mr. President. I'm not trying to seduce you through my letter, unless you're into that sort of thing. Then, I'd consider it my civic duty.

I know you're thinking, "This is brilliant. What's the problem?" Tax forms. Hookers have no tax forms because no one knows what they'd look like. Would they be on plain white paper or Bret Michaels stationary? Would they have extensive STD screenings? There are limitless possibilities and with



STEVE HOLBERT

limitless possibilities come limitless jobs for tax-form designers.

After the tax forms, would hookers have a union? If so, what would it be named? Women Helping Out Recent Economic Struggles (W.H.O.R.E.S.)?

The union could tackle the big-busted issues.

Do they get paid by hour or by quality?

Condoms would define tax write-offs. Do babysitters, weave and abortions count too?

Are gigolos a minority guaranteed employment? If not, Al Sharpton will bring thousands of protestors with signs saying "Hell no we won't blow!"

Are job interviews conducted via webcam?

Can we avoid awkward tax form numbers (69, 52, 3.14 ... )?

Is there maternity leave?

Is an ugly client considered an "on the job accident"?

Mr. President — the leader of the greatest land on Earth since the Roman Empire, which supported whoring and political associations — I offer you the positive aspects of prostitution.

Statistics: By statistics I mean Tyra — say sex is the greatest calorie burner. Obesity could be solved by staying in bed.

America thrives off fees (like parking tickets); new laws could be made to steal every cent. Hookers may have mandatory weekly check-ups to boost revenue or forced to use certain condom brands, which the U.S. could monopolize. No more Trojans. Only Patriots.

Overcrowded jails annually cost taxpayers millions of dollars. That's money not directly deposited into Congress members' pockets. Through legal prostitution, America's jails would be unclogged, reducing spending.

Mr. President, did you know King Solomon, the wisest man in history, also supported concubines? You could be our King Solomon — praised and pleased. It's worked before. Look at Clinton and Kennedy.

Why outlaw something people do for free? Sex is fine — as long as you're married and have compatible genitals — but sex for money is wrong. What are you telling young America? If times are hard — just give it away!

Sincerely wearing your face on my shirt,  
Steve Holbert

## America needs a new conservative party

I believe in conservative values, but I find myself increasingly at odds with the Republican Party. I hear it often said that it is useless to have a third party in this country. Conservatives are told to just shut up and stay in the Republican Party and work to change it. Well, I've stayed. I've tried to change it. I haven't seen change and I'm sick of it. I'm jumping ship to a third party. The problem is the party hasn't been created yet.

Sure, I hear the rhetoric and I believe that a conservative party would never get elected to Congress or the White House at this present time. That doesn't mean we do nothing though. We need to create a conservative party that could take a huge bulk of the numbers from the GOP and probably a few of the Democrats.

When the South started to lean



TYLER BRYANT

Republican in the 1960s the party originally represented strong conservative values. Now, however, I am sad to say there is no real difference between the Republicans and Democrats. This is why we desperately need a third party. The state of American politics can be summed up simply: One party spends money, the other party spends more. One party passes a bailout plan, the other passes a bigger one. One party passes the Patriot Act, the other attempts passage of government-run health care. Both parties are killing democracy. The American right is finally

waking up and, yes, finally fighting back. The Tea Parties are just the beginning of the extraordinary grassroots efforts to create an uprising in Washington. Anti-war protestors had great successes in getting through to President George W. Bush and conservatives can reap similar success.

To the conservatives sitting on the sidelines, I challenge them to pick a side. We've waited for the party to change its ways and it hasn't happened. It's time, right now, to forget compromise, forget caving under pressure and put up a fight.

The next few years may be rough, but that doesn't mean we should sit back and take the punishment. It's time to take back our values, salvage what's left of our party, and yes, rescue our country. It's time to take back America. Who's with me?

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Tuesday my campaign ended and I was voted in as the new City Council representative for District 4 in Milledgeville. This district encompasses an area in which many students live, work, study and play. What happens in the next few years in city government will likely have a major effect on all students in one way or another.

As I prepare to take office, I will need input and ideas from GCSU students, faculty and staff. GCSU is my alma mater and I have an incredible amount of love and respect for both the university as an institution and the individuals who make it a special place. I encourage all of you to stay involved in your local government and I encourage you to contact me with any questions or concerns about how you are being represented. A campaign victory is only the beginning of this journey, with the ultimate goal being to serve you faithfully and diligently.

I would like to specifically thank some organizations on campus who allowed me to visit with them and speak

to them over the past two months: Kappa Delta, Phi Mu, Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Zeta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Phi, members of the Student Government Association, Young Democrats, College Republicans, as well as the countless individual students who I spoke with during this process. I would also like to specifically thank Claire Cantrell who served as the student liason to my campaign.

GCSU students, you should be very proud. You have directly affected your local government. That speaks volumes to your character and hopefully it will serve notice to the entire community that you want to be involved in the direction of our city and that you want to be heard. I am grateful and humbled by your support during this process. I thank all of you and look forward to a continued positive relationship with you.

*Sincerely,  
Phillip Joiner*

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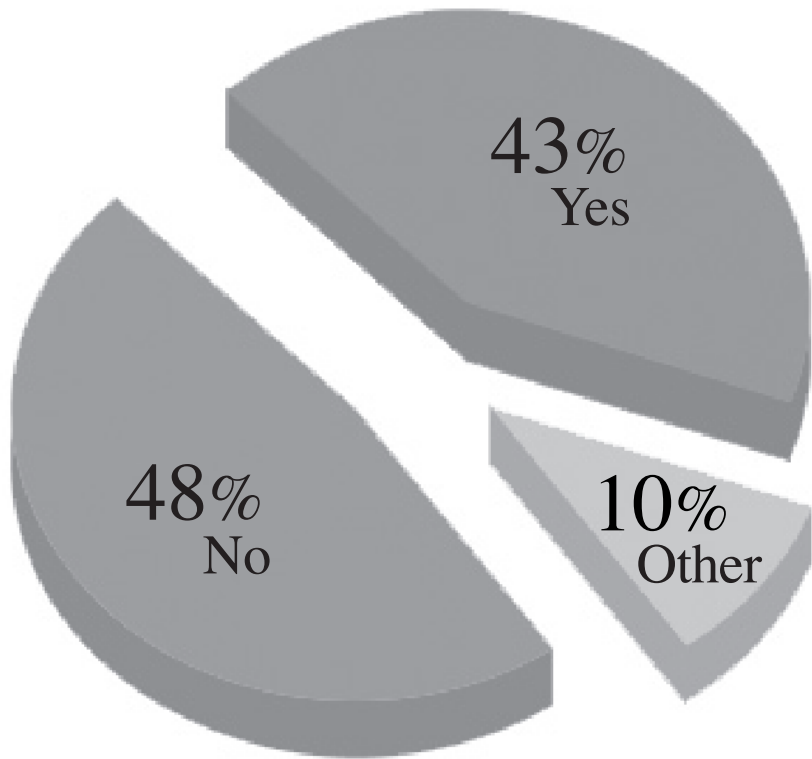
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### POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE DYKES

#### Were you planning to vote in the Nov. 3 elections?



#### Next week's question: Are you following the Atlanta Falcons?

- Every game
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“What do you think about tattoos?”



**“I think they are a great way of expressing yourself. It lets you let out your artistic ability! I want one ... or three!”**

*Sam Carroll, sophomore, psychology major*

**“I think if you want to get a tattoo that is your personal decision, but I would never get one because there is nothing I would want permanently written on my body.”**

*Kristin Mitchell, junior, psychology major*

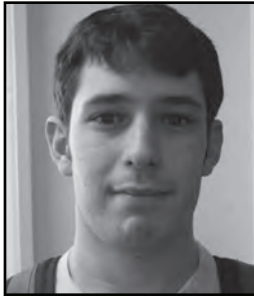
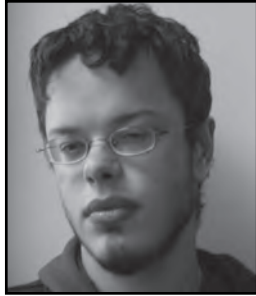


**“It’s a personal decision and if you believe in the tattoo you want then go for it!”**

*Michelle Burke, sophomore, mass communication major*

**“I don’t mind them. I have been thinking about getting one, but if someone gets one it should be meaningful, not a drunken decision.”**

*Matt Buyers, freshman, undeclared major*



**“I am not a tattoo kind of person. I have never wanted one, but I can understand why people would get them.”**

*Michael Doran, junior, English major*

*Reported by Mandy Ellis*

## The Litter Box

Instant Message with "ColonnadeVent"

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I think the school should get rid of all athletic programs. Currently we are paying for so much and all for the few students who play those sports. We use over \$800 to send about 15 players to another state. Couldn't we use that money in better ways?

If you're sick don't cough on me.

Costumes downtown on Halloween were so absolutely skanky they forced me to become atheist.

Come on Falcons! Give us something to "dirty bird" about.

I can't believe the Yankees are going to win again. Doesn't that dishearten America?

There's just something about beer ... It's like all the love in the world bottled for my enjoyment ... And there's 12 of them.

Listening to the Avett Brothers puts everyone in a better mood. Perhaps terrorists should change their dial.

Don't you really love it when you and your friends get together and take shots of bad rum in the flowing shower until you are laughing so hard you realize that the "leg spray" is indeed called shaving cream? I do.

Intramural fields are muddy.

I have not shaved my legs in an incredibly long time. It looks like a number 4 on the blade guard on the buzzer.

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## From Transsexual, Transylvania to Milledgeville, Georgia ... *'Rocky Horror' puts GCSU through a time warp*



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Frank-N-Furter, played by Evan Fields, flaunts his sweet transvestite side Oct.30 at the second annual Rocky Horror Picture Show.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Riff-Raff wants to go to his home planet and holds Dr. Scott, played by Courtney Kelly, at gunpoint while Brad and Janet look on.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
From left, Brad, played by Parker Elliott, Janet, played by Hannah Schumacher, and Rocky, played by Matt Riley embrace their inner sexuality in true Transylvania fashion.

BY SARAH GIARRATANA  
SENIOR REPORTER

From flappers to the grim reaper, fans filled Russell Auditorium in costume on the eve of Halloween last Friday. The theater echoed with sounds of audience participation. Audience members jumped to the left, then they stepped to the right to perform the Time Warp dance. Energy whirled between the audience and the cast as performers dazzled viewers with GCSU's second performance of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

The Clarke Street Lip Sitters, led by Dottie Pratt, with help from the GCSU theater department, pleased the audience at the midnight show with jokes, song and dance.

Though tickets went on sale at 11 p.m., fans started lining up at 9 p.m. on Oct. 30. The jagged line, filled with GCSU students, staff and visitors eventually stretched to the street before tickets went on sale. Even with the line, the excitement of the audience traveled like a current from the line into the show.

"Friday night, the audience took our energy and gave it back to us ten-fold," Steve Holbert, who played Riff-Raff the handyman, said. "The audience reacted inappropriately, which was perfect."

From spontaneous catcalls to less than skillful dancing, audience members scandalously participated in the show and ultimately celebrated the sexual-  
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that defines "Rocky Horror" as a cult classic phenomenon.

The sexuality and uniqueness of the show prompted "Rocky Horror" director Dottie Pratt to bring it to GCSU in 2008.

"I wanted to give students an opportunity to have fun with a musical with a large cast and just be crazy like musicals are," Pratt said. "So I worked with Karen Berman, who's the chair of the department, and brought 'Rocky' here."

As a lifelong fan, Pratt felt excited to bring the show to GCSU and after the success of last year, took time to select another talented cast.

"We held auditions and people came out in all sorts of ridiculous outfits," Pratt said. "Some were in drag and some were only wearing underwear, ... basically, whoever entertained me the most got cast."

Judging by the smattering applause and loud laughter, the 2009 cast entertained more than their director with their antics on the night. Pratt even participated in the show and dressed as a rock 'n' roll nun cracking jokes and acting as one of the on-stage emcees.

The entertainment extended beyond the confines of the show itself as a rowdy group of dancers known as the "Transsexual Transylvanians" gave a pre-show performance to the sounds of Meatloaf, Lady Gaga, and Michael Jackson. Even the stage crew came out dressed as modified "Harry Potter" characters to please the audience.

"We were looking for a good trio and just decided on 'Harry Potter,'" freshman assistant stage manager Kate Laurens said. "It was a lot of fun and I will definitely perform in 'Rocky Horror' next year, I can't not be a part of it."

"I want to see 'Rocky Horror' from Riff-Raff's point of view again," Holbert said of wanting to act again in the show next year.

With such an enthusiastic audience and cast, Pratt assured viewers that "Rocky Horror" will return.

("Rocky Horror") gives people options on entertainment and gives performers options on what to be in," Pratt said. "Yes, 'Rocky' will return next year."

No matter what costume viewers wore into the show, most emerged looking satisfied and wearing a smile.

*Editor's note: Steve Holbert is a columnist for The Colonnade.*



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Frank-N-Furter welcomes Brad and Janet to his home. Lisa Walraven, playing Columbia, Magenta, played by Dani Pratt, Frank-N-Furter and Riff-Raff, played by Steve Holbert, strike an iconic pose.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
The Transsexual Transylvanians perform at the preshow to the sounds of Meatloaf, Lady Gaga and other artists. The group fired up the crowd for the main event.



# GCSU commemorates Day of the Dead tradition

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN  
STAFF WRITER

The holiday Day of the Dead is a Mexican tradition that has been carried on for the past three millennia. Here at GCSU, the celebration has just recently began catching on; according to Roxanne Farrar said the tradition of hosting a Day of the Dead ceremony has been going on for at least five years.

“This event is completely run by the students, all I do is supervise,” Farrar said. “I love getting to see the students take charge and plan such a great event together.”

Students like Laurene Greene, a senior, took part in preparing for the Oct. 29 festivities.

“The Day of the Dead is hosted every year by the comparative aesthetics class in the Art Department,” Greene said. “We study the art of different cultures in the class and this is a great way to immerse ourselves in the Mexican culture. Everyone in the class had a task to do and everyone gives to the offering.”

The offering is a gift to those who have passed, which is the foundation for the entire celebration. Sarah Wood gave a speech about the traditions of the Day of the Dead saying it has an, “atmosphere of intense color, full of excitement.” And rightly so: the event, which was located on the porch of the Blackbridge House, was full of face painting and lively music acting as a celebration for those who have already lived. Some people were fairly new to the whole concept of celebrating the dead, like Jorge Zapata, a faculty member originally from Colombia.

“I know it is a Mexican celebration. In

my country we don’t celebrate Day of the Dead, but it’s a very interesting way to show the traditions of Mexico. I also like how it congregates people no matter their origin,” Zapata said.

One of the main parts of this event was the mentioning of names of people who have passed. Associate professor of art Valerie Aranda, who had her face painted in the traditional black and white led this part of the ceremony. Aranda first walked through the crowd with burning incense and then initiated that the names of loved ones be proclaimed. When a name was said, the group would collectively say “presente” to acknowledge that those people were still present in spirit. Afterward, there was a Day of the Dead dance when those who put on the event came out, also with painted faces, in character with canes and shaky stances to dance in a circle to once again rejoice in the dead.

“The typical traditions include music being played, corridos or stories are told, and pan de muerto and sugar skulls are eaten,” Aranda said.

Aranda said that the ceremony might start in a grave of a loved one, but in the modern times it has taken the form of a festival at museums.



ZARA-GRAY ROWE / STAFF WRITER  
Brightly painted skulls, above, sat on the altar at the Day of the Dead celebration Oct. 29. The altar was set up on the porch of Blackbridge Hall.

# Looking for a scapegoat of political satire, witty humor? Look no further

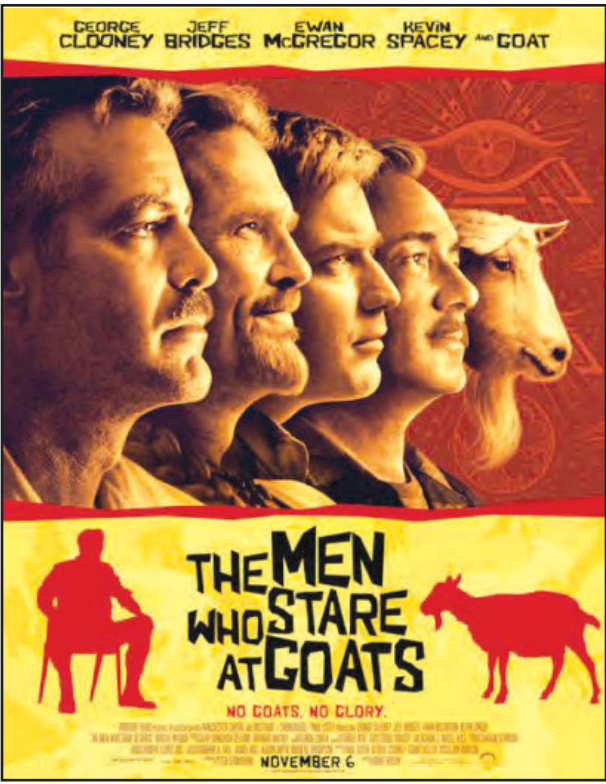
BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

“The Men Who Stare at Goats” is “The Big Lebowski” of war in Iraq-based films. A lot of people (including myself) love the pointless Coen brothers’ comedy for the simple fact that it has no point whatsoever, and anyone looking for a scape-goat of political satire and witty humor shall look no further. Grant Heslov comes off a little shaky in his debut as a director, but his Oscar-caliber reputation as a screenwriter clearly elevates him to a level of appeal that should help redeem any rookie mistakes made along the way.

The plot of the film is centered on a reporter named Bob Wilton (Ewan McGregor) who has just been through a rough divorce and is now hoping to get back on his feet by covering stories for the Iraq War. It’s never quite clear what he’s out to prove to his ex-wife or to himself, but all sense of logic goes completely out the door when he meets Lyn Cassidy (George Clooney), a Special Forces operator who claims to be part of an experimental unit of the military.

“Experimental” is really a colorful term for Lyn’s character, but it also goes a long way in the process as he shares the psychiatric details of this “New Earth Army” he so proudly represents. Apparently there is a mind-boggling mission in the works, and the leader of NEA (Jeff Bridges) has been kidnapped. It is now up to Wilton and his new found idiot of a friend to embark on a dangerous journey that will lead them to another psychotic super soldier (Kevin Spacey) who has plans of his own for this new form of combat where fighters can literally read the minds of enemy militia, pass through walls and kill goats by simply looking them in the eye.

The film never fully clarifies just what exactly goats have to do with anything, but as I said earlier, this is not a movie about politics, or foreign affairs for that matter. This is a classic example of a film that takes full advantage of



**GRADE: B**

a stellar cast, and then executes the vast range of talent in a way that somehow pays off when nothing else will.

Heslov and Clooney have worked together on numerous projects in recent years, and given the arrangement of occupations here, it would appear as though “Men Who Stare at Goats” is Clooney’s way of returning the favor for Heslov’s brilliant screenplay in “Good Night and Good Luck.” Heslov knows how to pen his words on all the right notes, but his focus gets a bit shady when the humorous narrative hits an occasional dry spot. It’s not so much a pause of boredom as Heslov keeps a tight grip on the 90-minute run time, but it’s rarely a pause for the cause as we await the next good scene.

When it comes to dark comedy and satire, the payoff of any film usually rests on how the main performances are handled. Using four big-name thespians who have all either won or been nominated for gold in the past, Heslov gets plenty of help from his fame-and-fortune leads.

The problem however, is that while he puts a lot of comedic emphasis on each of the supporting characters, all the developmental expectations we have for the main protagonist are practically kicked to the curb. In the opening narration, McGregor assumes his

role just enough to convince us that Wilton is a real reporter with a serious problem, but as soon as the dimwitted Cassidy is introduced, Wilton becomes nothing more than the “brains” of an operation led by an otherwise far more engaging buffoon.

The bigger story though, is the drop dead hilarious performance of Bridges. It’s been a long time since “The Dude” had me going like this, but it’s always a pleasure when you see a fat-bellied guy with long hair try to be serious when no one else will take him seriously. And the funniest part is, this time, he didn’t need a bowling ball or a urine-stained rug to make us believe he is the real deal.

As I drove home from the screening, I said to myself at one point, “that movie was good, but wouldn’t it have been better under the wing of the Coens?” I still can’t answer that observation and probably won’t be able to until I get the public reaction. Some critics may argue that underneath all the sporadic satire and goofiness, there is still a message to be heard in Heslov’s debut film. But in all honesty, the only message I garnered was: “keep making all these wasteful political films, and you just might do one like this ... without realizing it has an IQ less than that of the animal in its title.”

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GCSU sophomore business majors Austin Lite, left, and Matt Williams, create hip-hop music as the group Young Krew. Their music has been featured in an independent film called “The Hook Up.”

# Young Krew drops its hip-hop beats on iTunes

BY SOPHIE SINGER  
STAFF WRITER

New and upcoming artists, Austin Lite and Matt Williams, sophomore business majors at GCSU, started off by creating music just for fun and have now taken a more serious approach to their hip-hop beats by selling their songs on iTunes.

“I started playing piano when I was in second-grade and composing music when I was in fourth grade,” Williams said.

With a rock ‘n’ roll influence from throughout high school, Williams has taken a different perspective on music and has begun to experiment with other areas of music, such as hip-hop.

While Williams started playing music early in his life, Lite got a guitar from Walmart during tenth grade and started “messing around with Garage Band.”

“We started putting music together for fun,” Lite said. “But we started to take our music a little bit more seriously when people started asking where they could listen to our songs.”

One of their most popular songs, “Thirstay Thursday,” has been played at fraternity parties and also in an independent film in California called, “The Hook Up.” The song is the title track of their album.

The meaning behind their songs relates to having fun in life and creating beats that are catchy and unique.

“Our music is enjoyable,” they say. “It can relate to a mainstream audience.”

Young Krew has been heard by students around campus.

“They have amazing beats and their lyrics are constantly stuck in my head,” Randi Lobstein, a sophomore early childhood education major, said. “It seems like things have already gone further than they expected in such a

short amount of time.”

“My Heart Stops,” another popular song, has an additional singer within the chorus. Femke Ballard, a sophomore history major, said: “Working with them (Williams and Lite) was so much fun. It really started on a whim; Austin just asked me to sing in a chorus, then all of a sudden I was singing a verse as well.”

John McFadden, who has been on radio since 1978, has worked for major record labels Elektra and Virgin. He has listened to the songs that Williams and Lite created.

Currently, McFadden is an on-air personality with radio station Star 94 as well as the voice of the Atlanta Braves at Turner Field.

“From what I have heard so far

*“They have amazing beats and their lyrics are constantly stuck in my head.”*

*—Randi Lobstein, sophomore early childhood education major*

it’s quite obvious that Austin has been gifted with the ability to write and create some very catchy songs,” McFadden said.

Patrick Robertson, a sophomore accounting major, is one of the duo’s roommates who listens to the production of their music daily.

“By listening to them record and edit their songs all the time, I have noticed that each of them has attributes that complement each other, in which helps them create great

songs,” Robertson said.

Williams and Lite’s songs have skyrocketed since the middle of their freshman year.

In order to finance their music, since instruments and recording are expensive, the duo said: “Our income comes from iTunes and from working over the past summers.”

Lite mentioned that it costs \$60 to upload an album on iTunes and \$30 to keep their songs on there throughout the year, and they expect to make a profit.

Lobstein said: “I really hope something good comes out of this because I know how hard they work on their music.”



AUSTIN CABOT/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
An art opening for GCSU associate professor Valerie Aranda and installation artist Alejandro Garcia-Lemos was held Oct. 22 in the Wooten-Garner House. Aranda displayed paintings of prominent leaders in Georgia who work in the Latino community. She interviewed several Latino leaders to show the challenges that they face each day. The display will be up until Dec. 4.

# Spotlight

By: Stephanie Sorensen



# UNORGANIZED

Unorganized is a RSO that discusses controversial issues such as spirituality and morality with a philosophical point of view. The club was started with the intention of providing an area for students to talk about topics freely without being judged.

*“It’s more of an intellectual debate. People go in knowing that someone else might have an opposing opinion on a topic, and respect that.”*  
*- Lucia Caltabiano*

New leader Russell Huffman plans to continue the tradition of the club, and adds that all backgrounds are welcome.

“It’s like a philosophy class, only there’s just students and no reading,” Huffman said.

Topics of discussion are decided by the board, and the students attending.

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*Russell Huffman is a photographer for The Colonnade.*

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# Students find novel writing a ‘wordy endeavor’

## November marks National Novel Writing Month

BY COURTNEY MURRAH  
STAFF WRITER

November is not only the month of giving thanks, it is also National Novel Writing Month, otherwise known as NaNoWriMo. The goal of the month is for students to write a novel of at least 50,000 words in 30 days.

Sigma Tau Delta, GCSU’s English honor society, is encouraging its members to participate in NaNoWriMo.

Laura Newbern, an assistant professor of the English department, is the faculty advisor of Sigma Tau Delta.

“It’s not really a contest,” Newbern said. “It’s a literary exercise where you just write as much as you can. The whole idea is to write a novel in thirty days, and what that means is that you have to write a whole lot of garbage. I think it’s good because if you put yourself in that situation, you have to write with abandon.”

Newbern thinks that there are two reasons why Sigma Tau Delta is participating.

“They want to get the Sigma Tau Delta name out there as a student organization,” Newbern said, “and because the students think that it’s a wordy endeavor.”

Andrea Judy, a senior English major and member of Sigma Tau Delta, is writing for NaNoWriMo for her third year.

“I always participate,” Judy said. “I’ve yet to actually complete the goal and win.”

Judy has a plan to accomplish her writing and hopes that it does not affect her school life.

“I think I’m going to try and set aside 30 minutes to an hour everyday to write. I don’t know if I’ll actually stick to it. I really hope that I can finish it this year, but it’s a really busy month for papers and things due.”

By the end of November, Judy wants to have finished what she started.

“I want to get the novel out of it. When I was in high school, I actually managed to write a 175 page novel and I’ve never been able to do something like that since. I want to do this again just to prove that I can do it.”

While Suzy Deacon, a senior history major, is not in Sigma Tau Delta, she will be participating in NaNoWriMo for the first time this month.

“I might do a murder mystery. I’ve had that idea bounc-

ing around in my head for a while now.”

Deacon is not able to use any writings that she composed before November.

“If you have outlines and characters and stuff that you haven’t used before, then you can use that,” Deacon said, “but you’re not allowed to use stuff that you’ve previously written down.”

Deacon will not be able to shut herself off from the world while trying to write during the short time span.

“I wish I could, but I can’t,” Deacon said. “I’m pretty sure I would fail some of my classes if I did that. Actually, I am pretty sure I would fail all of them. I am going to try to limit myself to working on the story either on the weekends when I have some free time or when I’m feeling brain dead from writing research papers.”

Deacon is not sure if she will be able to finish her goal in just 30 days.

“The goal is 50,000 words by the end of the month and that would be really cool to do,” Deacon said. “But I think this is geared towards high school kids because in high school it felt like you could shuck off work for a month and do it.”

Even if Deacon does not finish this month, she said she will continue to work on the novel.

“I at least hope to get the startings of a novel out,” Deacon said. “Then I’ll come back later and finish things.”

The winner of NaNoWriMo is awarded a certificate and the satisfaction that comes with writing a novel in just a month’s time.

“When I was in high school, I actually managed to write a 175 page novel. I want to do this again just to prove that I can do it.”  
—Andrea Judy, senior English major



# Brass quintet blows away GCSU with wide variety of tunes

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU Bobcat Brass Quintet recently performed a concert at Max Noah Hall with the Oasis Brass Group, based out of Atlanta. The groups performed their program, entitled “Music from the Renaissance to New Orleans” on Oct. 27. The pieces performed came from all of the major musical time periods, including the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic and 20th century time frames.

Oasis Brass is comprised of professional musicians and its members have played with several distinguished groups throughout the country. Among the group members is Dr. Maureen Horgan, an associate professor of music and a brass in-

structor at GCSU. Horgan, who plays trombone for the group and has been commissioned for trombone pieces, was a professional brass player for three decades in Boston before coming down to Milledgeville. She was also one of the founders of Oasis Brass.

Horgan was joined in that effort by trumpet player Jay Davis, an alumnus of GCSU and a high school band director for Eagles Landing High School in McDonough.

“We decided to put the group together and bring that kind of group to the area. (Davis) knew a trumpet player, and I knew a horn player,” Horgan said.

Other members of the quintet included William Stadelmeyer on trumpet, Julia Towner on French horn and Thomas Cre-

mer on tuba. After both groups combined to open with the fanfare preceding the ballet “La Peri,” the groups rotated in playing their pieces for the evening. Oasis Brass performed Mozart’s “Adagio from K 411” along with Victor Ewald’s “Quintet No. 1 for Brass.” The Bobcat Brass Quintet performed Eric Ewazen’s “Frost Fire” along with Bach’s “Contrapunctus IX from The Art of the Fugue” and Gabrieli’s “Canzon septimi toni No. 2.” The two groups combined and were joined by GCSU director of bands, Dr. Todd Shiver and GCSU brass instructor Chris Probst on trumpet, as they played Michael Kamen’s “Quintet” and the traditional Don Gillis arrangement of “Just a Closer Walk (with Thee)”.

The Bobcat Brass Quintet was

spurred off of the regular brass ensemble that was started by Shiver and has been further developed by Horgan. The quintet includes John Hennecken and Tyler Allen on trumpet, Carlos Rodriguez on French horn, Matthew Lane on trombone and Jeremy Dudley on tuba. Rodriguez, a senior music education major said he was thrilled to play at the concert.

“It went very well for only being able to have one full rehearsal with everybody before the concert,” Rodriguez said. “It’s the first time we as a group have been able to do something like that and perform with a professional group, and it was a real honor to be able to do that.”

Horgan said the group members predominately run their own rehearsals and work on

their own.

“They did very well. We only ran the opening piece a couple of times, and we only had one full rehearsal. I was proud of (the Bobcat Brass Quintet),” Horgan said. “They are very self-directed and work mostly on their own, and they did a great job.”

“We’re a very self-motivated group,” Rodriguez added. “We really got started up last year, and we’ve done a handful of gigs. Dr. Horgan has really kept us working hard.”

Horgan is hoping that more concerts like this will be able to take place at GCSU.

“It really is great for the students to perform with professional groups,” she said. “We had a couple of generations of players performing, and it was a lot of fun.”



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—Carlos Rodriguez

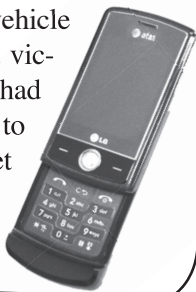
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From left, John Hennecken, Tyler Allen, Carlos Rodriguez and Matthew Lane perform as part of the Bobcat Brass Quintet in “Music from the Renaissance to New Orleans” on Oct. 27 in Max Noah Recital Hall.



# PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## CRIME DOESN'T PAY

According to a Public Safety report, on Oct. 30 at approximately 2:50 a.m. a female reported that she and a friend were being followed by two males while walking back to their residence. Contact was made with two males who matched the description given to the officers. Both subjects were uncooperative and had the odor of alcohol coming from them. One was arrested for underage possession of alcohol and the other was arrested for public intoxication. At the Milledgeville Police Department, one of the men became very belligerent. A MPD detective advised Williams that the angered male had stolen a cell phone from a parked vehicle at the Golden Pantry. The theft victims stated that the two males had approached them earlier trying to sell drugs and when told to get lost, stole the phone. They were also charged with felony theft by taking.



## NATURE CALLED

According to a Public Safety report, on Oct. 30 at approximately 1:38 a.m. Sgt. Greg Williams observed a male urinating beside the glass doors at Chic-fil-A on campus. Contact was made with the man, who refused to talk with the officer, saying he was on the phone with his dad. He was asked several times to get off the phone and finally did. While speaking with the man, Williams could detect the odor of alcohol coming from him. The student denied urinating, but then said he could not remember. When tested with a breathalyzer, he registered a .145. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

## ARE YOU SURE?

According to a Public Safety report, on Oct. 29 at approximately 1:57 a.m. Sgt. Tamara Pissott observed a vehicle on Clarke Street fail to stop at a red light. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the male driver. According to the report, while speaking with him, Pissott could detect the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The driver denied smoking marijuana and when asked if his vehicle could be searched, he advised they would not find any because he had smoked it all. While searching the vehicle, Pissott found a small tin containing marijuana and a pipe. The male advised he forgot about that marijuana. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with possession of marijuana.

## CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

According to a Public Safety report, on Oct. 31 at approximately 4:19 a.m. while in Lot 14, Sgt. Nick Reonas observed a male walking on the sidewalk on Wilkinson Street wearing tiger slippers. He observed the male kick off the slippers and walk unsteadily up the sidewalk. When Reonas attempted to make contact with the male, he took off running. The subject stopped at the fire department. He was slurring his speech, rambling incoherently and had a strong odor of alcohol coming from him. The man kept interrupting Reonas and telling him to go ahead and take him to jail. Reonas complied with his wishes. He was issued a citation for public intoxication.



Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

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Saturday, Nov. 7

7:30 p.m. Disney Delights, the Max Noah Singers - First Presbyterian Church

Monday, Nov. 9

7:30 p.m. Guest Artist Recital: ARCO Chamber Orchestra - Magnolia Ballroom

Wednesday, Nov. 11

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Men's Health & Fitness Day - MSU Lounge

11 a.m. Graduation vs. Commencement event - 202 Atkinson Hall

12:30 a.m. Women on Wednesday - 151 Maxwell Student Union

12:30-1:30 p.m. Times Talk - Beeson Hall lower level

7:30 p.m. Wesley Foundation Student Ministries meeting - Magnolia Ballroom

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Freshman defender/midfielder Amanda Veillon hurdles a Montevallo defender this past Saturday during the Bobcats' season finale. The teams tied 1-1.

## Bobcats semifinal-bound

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU soccer team advanced to the second round of the Peach Belt Conference tournament with a victory over North Georgia College & State University on Tuesday night, three days after concluding the regular season with a fifth-straight tie.

On Tuesday, the Bobcats were at home against NGCSU in the first round of the Peach Belt Conference tournament.

The fourth-seed Bobcats struck first when in the 29th minute, a shot by junior defender/midfielder Ally Treat was deflected to senior forward Jamie Nevin, who placed a shot into the left side of the Saints' net and gave GCSU a 1-0 lead.

After Nevin's goal, neither team scored for the remainder of the first half and the game remained 1-0 in favor of GCSU.

Less than ten minutes into the second half, GCSU earned a two-goal cushion when a corner kick from senior midfielder/defender Daria Owen made its way to McAlpin, who slammed a powerful shot into the top of the Saints' net.

"We knew we had to win and we knew we had to push it, sophomore midfielder/forward Megan McAlpin said. "We wanted it more than them and we proved it."

The Bobcats continued to hold the lead, even though the Saints managed to score a late goal to make the final score 2-1.

"I think we dominated most of the game," Nevin said. "The end was kind of a battle be-

cause they sent everyone forward but it was a good result and I'm glad we won."

In the GCSU goal, junior goalkeeper Mary Rob Plunkett made four saves and allowed only one shot to get past her.

The victory over North Georgia propelled the Bobcats to the PBC semifinals, where they will be on the road to Evans to face the University of Montevallo again tonight. The Falcons shocked top-seed Columbus State University 1-0 on Tuesday. The Cougar loss means that the perennial power will not win the PBC tournament for the first time in four years.

A GCSU victory tonight would place them

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## Student-athletes juggle schedules

BY COURTNEY MURRAH  
STAFF WRITER

Many student-athletes wake up at 5 a.m. on the first day of registration each semester to claim the classes they need. Some question if they deserve it, but those students probably do not have to worry about half of the things on an athlete's schedule. Athletes have to juggle schoolwork, practice and games for their sports, as well as any added time spent preparing/traveling for games or taking care of injuries.

Ginger Chaffinch, GCSU's head softball coach, feels that learning to balance things can be beneficial to students.

"It helps them definitely learn how to manage their time," Chaffinch said.

Chaffinch tries to help her team keep up with academics while still focusing on practice and games.

"We send progress reports out to the professors twice a semester. My softball players do weekly progress reports on their own," Chaffinch said.

"Those are a couple ways we try to keep on top of what's going on."

The progress reports provide a way for students and coaches to know that they are above the grade-point average required to play by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

"The NCAA sets the GPA standards, so it's different every year they're in school," Chaffinch said. "After their freshman year, they have a certain GPA. After their sophomore year, they have a different GPA."

The athletes are able to look not only to their coaches for assistance, but also to their teammates.

"In softball, if somebody has had a class before, they try to help them and try to tutor them somewhat," Chaffinch said. "We do utilize the learning center often. With them being gone so often, they definitely need a little extra help sometimes just keeping up because they miss class."

Andrew Evans, a red-

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## Intramural inspiration

GCSU junior plays through disability, adversity

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

As far as athletes go, disabled players are often overlooked or considered to be on a lower level of competition than their able-bodied counterparts. One GCSU student, Jonathan Dahlhauser, is changing perceptions one game at a time.

Dahlhauser is a junior theater major who lost the use of his right hand and many cells in the right side of his body before he was even born. He had a stroke in utero, six months into the pregnancy, and stopped moving.

"I was the most active baby ever, so my mom immediately knew something was wrong," Dahlhauser said. "She started shifting me from side to side until I would start moving and I think that's why I was such a fighter from birth."

He was the last of seven children and he credits tough love from his parents and siblings for his lack of self-pity.

"If I fell off my bike or scooter or whatever, they told me to get up. Their way of nurturing me was treating me exactly the same as my brothers and sisters," Dahlhauser said.

"They gave me crap about getting the handicapped pass at Six Flags to get in line first for the rides, man. I just say that's part of the gift of the whole thing."

Growing up is hard enough without a disability, but Dahlhauser had to develop especially thick skin and learn ways to deflect ridicule or ignore it. He especially dislikes it when people shy away from looking at his limp hand or talking about it.

"It bothers me that people feel like they can't talk about my hand, like it's not there. It's there, I mean you can see it, so be free to talk about it. It's not a bad thing."

Most of Dahlhauser's siblings were athletically active and he was no different, turning to sports as an outlet for his energy at an early age. He began playing soccer when he was 7, and began playing basketball shortly after. He ran cross country and track at Pope High School and said he would have



BOBBY GENTRY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Junior Johnathan Dahlhauser looks for a Gecko Bulls teammate to throw a disc to this past Wednesday.

made the basketball team, but the coaches didn't think he could "physically handle it."

"Everything is a growing process for me, you know, like when something bothers me, I just have to learn from it and not let it get to me again," Dahlhauser said. "I think I could probably make the (GCSU) basketball team if

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## THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party is alive and well, regardless of any politically correct name any governing body wants to give it.

My introduction to the insanity that is the Georgia-Florida game came this past weekend when I traveled with three friends to Jacksonville, Fla., for the Halloween weekend festivities.

I have to give credit where credit is due: those people can tailgate with the best, and the gathering outside of Jacksonville Municipal Stadium resembled a blue, orange, and red circus, complete with tents. I half expected a lot of trash-talking, and maybe even a couple of fights between rival fans that were just a little too drunk and just a little too close together in the parking lot. To my surprise, the atmosphere was more like a collection of family reunions all happening at once, and each pretty much ignored their neighbors wearing enemy colors.

Perhaps this was due to to Florida's 16-3 record in the last 19 games against Georgia, or because Florida has been an unstoppable juggernaut since a loss to Ole Miss early last season, while Georgia has struggled to a 4-4 record this season after losing their offensive backfield in Matthew Stafford and Knowshon Moreno to the NFL. Maybe each side simply doesn't see this game as much of a rivalry anymore. At least that's what I thought before I headed into the stadium.

As a casual observer (read: Georgia Tech fan), I had the perfect seat; the north end zone, right on the dividing line between the sea of red and the wall of orange and blue. I have never heard such bitter, vicious exchanges between opposing fans in a stadium before. These people hate each other, and they really hate losing to the other team. Of course it was Florida who got the better of the Bulldogs again, and the result was really never in doubt.

As for Tim Tebow, Florida's love-him-or-hate-him quarterback, I will put him in the top five greatest college players ever, reluctantly. When you see him live, you see him just physically dominate a game in a way no other quarterback has done. He also threw a couple of NFL-type passes, which intrigues me about his future as a pro.

Though the game was disappointing to watch, the overall experience will be tough to match by games I attend for years to come.

# THE SHORT STOP



### Upcoming Sports

#### Soccer:

Nov. 6 7:30 p.m. Montevallo  
@ Evans (PBC tournament semifinal)

#### Cross Country:

Nov. 7 10 a.m. @ Wingate, N.C.  
(NCAA Southeast Regional)

### Quote of the Week

"I don't want to die and then hear everybody say, 'Oh, there goes one of the best players ever.' If you're going to give me props, just give them to me right now."

— *Phillies pitcher Pedro Martinez, before his World Series game 6 start in New York (ESPN.com).*

### Stat of the Week

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Vikings Quarterback Brett Favre's jersey number matched the number of touchdown passes he threw to beat his former team, the Green Bay Packers, this past Sunday.



# Intramural Notebook

by Caleb Rule, Staff Reporter

## Flag Football



A-league? That’s one thing. State tournaments are a world of their own.

Two Georgia College intramural champions competed in the state flag football tournament this past weekend: Whiteout in the men’s division, and CTFO in the women’s.

Both teams fell short of winning, though they fared well. CTFO claimed third place after failing to make the finals in overtime, while Whiteout advanced to the quarterfinals before being knocked out.

CTFO rolled through pool play and the quarterfinals, but ran into some trouble when they faced a squad from Georgia Tech that ran, of all things, a triple-option offense.

The defense clamped in regulation, as the teams were deadlocked 0-0. In the extra period, CTFO failed to convert their extra point after a touchdown, but their opponents pulled a little trickery that allowed them to pull out the 7-6 win.

“They had the perfect play called,” senior Rachel Pendergrast said. “They were lined up for the option, but threw it instead.”

Candace Aaron was named all-tournament quarterback.

Whiteout entered pool play with high expectations, and breezed through pool play with three mercy rule victories. That’s when things began to go against them.

“Teams seed themselves by drawing ping-pong balls out of a hat, with #1 picking their spot on the bracket first, #2 going second, and so on,” senior Chris Russell said. “Typically, you want to pick late, so you can put yourself away from some of the tougher competition in the seeding.”

Russell selected the #2 ball, and Whiteout was stuck in a tough draw, with four of the toughest teams in the state on their side.

In the quarterfinals, Whiteout was without one of their two-way players, and also faced a team from Georgia Tech with a variant of the triple-option offense. It fooled the defense initially, as they scored on the first two possessions.

“The defense adjusted well, and we shut them down for the last two-plus quarters of the game,” Russell said.

Unfortunately, three interceptions, including one on their final drive that could have tied it, doomed the comeback effort.

## Ultimate Frisbee



Teams to watch out for:

1.) If you’re playing In Co-ed B-league, OZP had outscored their two opponents 44-10 before their Wednesday night game vs. The Wiggly Pigs. The score was unavailable at presstime.

2.) Also in Co-ed B, the winner of the Gecko Bulls-Swim Squad game (tonight @ 8 PM, will have score) is now 3-0 with an impressive win over (who they beat) and their opponents to date have a combined record of (4-4 for Gecko Bulls, don’t mention this if Swing Squad)

3.) Of all of the perfect teams in men’s B-league, only two (S.W.A.T and The nagers) boast wins against any team with a record of 2-2 or better

4.) In men’s A, the two likely championship teams will be from a group of OZP, Muppeteers, and B.L.U.N.T.Z., who are all 3-0 with impressive victories over teams sporting winning records...



## Soccer

Team to watch out for:

1.) In men’s B-league, Money Shot has enjoyed a 13-0 scoring advantage over their two opponents to date, while 30 Stones FC has done nearly as well with a +10 point differential.

2.) Impact and Gnasty Gnats will place their 2-0 co-ed B league records to the test when they face off Monday night for the chance at being considered the top team. Playin the Field also sits at 3-0, but they have yet to face a team with a .500 or better record.

3.) Footloose may be not ranked first, but they have the most impressive resume in co-ed A, as their 2-0-1 record is supported by the fact their opponents combined records is 4-3-3, the second-toughest mark.

4.) In women’s A, Ninja Warriors leads the pack, and is the only team to average more than a goal a game

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## Soccer

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in Sunday’s championship game against either second-seed Armstrong Atlantic State University or third-seed Lander University. The Bobcats lost to AASU 1-0 and tied Lander 0-0 during the regular season.

“At this point in the game, we’ve just got to keep emphasizing the good things,” head coach Juan Pablo Favero said. “We emphasize our defenses and attitude and we’ve got to try to get a shutout again, that’s the goal.”

Prior to the tournament opener, the University of Montevallo Falcons came to Bobcat Field to provide the final tune-up for the postseason this past Saturday. At the start of the first half, both teams came out on the field playing aggressively and even though GCSU out-shot Montevallo 6-5, neither team managed to put a ball into their opponents’ net and the first half ended with a 0-0 score.

In the second half, the Bobcats continued to outshoot Montevallo, and their efforts paid off in the 54th minute, a drop pass from McAlpin found its way to Nevin, who was able to shoot into the far corner of the Falcons’ net, giving GCSU a 1-0 advantage over Montevallo.

Shortly following the GCSU goal, the Falcons managed to tie the score in 66th minute in when a penalty kick due to a Bobcat handball found GCSU’s net and tied the score at 1-1.



MICHAEL FORSYTH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior midfielder/defender Daria Owen blasts a shot against Montevallo this past Saturday.

Despite GCSU out-shooting Montevallo 10-8 in the second half, the game remained deadlocked and went into overtime.

After an intense 10 minutes of overtime, neither team could break the tie and the game was sent into a second overtime period.

Neither squad was able to find the back of the net, however and the game finished 1-1.

In the Bobcat goal, Plunkett made 10 saves, allowing just the one shot to get past her.

“It was a disappointing result, I thought we did enough to win,” Favero said. “They weren’t a bad team, but I thought we played better.”

## Balance

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shirt senior outfielder on the GCSU baseball team, recognizes the positive effects of a busy schedule.

“It was pretty overwhelming at first,” Evans said. “You just get used to not having much downtime. It can be good for you. You’re more efficient with your time because you know you have ‘x amount’ of stuff to do and you only have ‘y amount’ of time to do it. I feel like it makes me more efficient. When I sit down to do something, I can’t just say, ‘oh, I’ll come back to it later.’ I know I have to get it done, so I just sit there and do it. For somebody driven at all, it’s actually helpful.”

Evans can also look to his coach, Tom Carty, for help.

“(Carty) is a little different from some coaches I’ve seen,” Evans said. “He actually pushes GPA. He wants the team GPA to get up. In the past two years, it’s gone up. I think the team GPA is a 2.8 now, which for a group of almost 40 college guys is pretty good.”

Outside of normal practices and weight training, Evans makes time in his schedule for private practices.

“I personally take a lot of time on the side to do hitting,” Evans said. “I try and go at least once a day to go hit.”

Taylor Mulryan, a freshman goalkeeper for the GCSU soccer team, also keeps a busy schedule. Outside of team prac-

tices, Mulryan also must attend physical therapy in the Centennial Center for an injured thumb.

“I’m in here once a day,” Mulryan said. “I’ll be in here for thirty minutes. When I had my knee surgery, it was twice a day for two hours.”

There are other sacrifices that Mulryan must make besides free time.

“You have to give up something,” Mulryan said. “I’ll eat in my room a lot, like I won’t go to (the campus dining hall) at all. I’ll have to stay up late finishing up a paper because we’ll be on the road. When we’re on trips, we bring all of our homework and just try to do it. Multi-task as much as you can.”

There are some positives to the team doing homework while traveling.

“We help each other all the time on the bus,” Mulryan said. “If someone’s already taken the class, we help tutor each other and ask questions.”

The tutoring must be working because the soccer team has a 3.49 GPA.

“We just missed our goal,” Mulryan said. “That was the highest out of all athletics.”

Members of the athletics department are proud of the athletes for being able to keep their GPAs up, as well as their dedication to their sports.

“We all think our student-athletes do a great job of being students and also being student-athletes,” Chaffinch said. “It’s a tough job. It’s like having two full-time jobs. They do very well at it. We’re very proud of our above-3.0 GPA that our student-athletes have as a whole.”

## Dahlhauser

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I had use of both my hands.”

What Dahlhauser can do at GCSU is participate in intramural sports, which he particularly enjoys. He is currently involved in Ultimate Frisbee, playing for the Gecko Bulls. He amuses himself often by using his disability to motivate his teammates.

“When someone complains about a bad throw or something, I love being like, ‘Well I caught that with one hand, what’s your problem?’” Dahlhauser said.

As an athlete, Dahlhauser has learned to

set and meet his own goals, but doesn’t like to be considered on a lower level. He likes competing with able-bodied students during intramurals and can stick with most of his competition on the field.

“Being motivated by what I have lost, because I’m always going after something better for myself, that has helped to make me a better athlete,” Dahlhauser said.

He hopes to one day become a motivational speaker, delivering a positive message to others through his outgoing personality.

“I’m just glad that I’m here to show people that no matter what you have, you can learn from others and yourself, and grow as a person.”

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